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Sara Kalke is launching a new webtool to showcase Edmonton's most walkable neighbourhoods. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

## New schools announced for Edmonton

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

### But trustees say more still needed

**Sarah  
Hoyles**  
For Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton is getting three new schools — including one for rapidly-expanding Ellerslie — and five existing ones in the capital region are getting big bucks for replacement or upgrades.

The provincial budget tabled last week outlined \$500 million for new facilities, but the first details about where the new schools would be and which current ones would be upgraded were revealed Tuesday.

Currently, only the design dollars have been approved but full construction funding is expected to come later, according to government officials.

Edmonton Public School Board Chair Michelle Draper called it great news for the district, but added that it still may not be enough to meet the demands of a growing population.

"There was some excitement on the board for sure but we need more schools. There were so many years where we've gone without any new announcements," she said.

Three school buildings will be replaced entirely, including kindergarten to grade 12 Ecole Joseph Moreau in Hazeldean, Highlands Junior High in North-east Edmonton, and Wye School in Sherwood Park.

Ben Calf Robe School, in the north end, and Spruce Grove's Woodhaven Junior High will be modernized along with six other schools in Drayton Valley, Bonnyville, Grande Prairie, Red Deer and Calgary.

Improvements will include upgrades to the electrical and mechanical systems, as well as learning technology updates.

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Whyte Avenue is in for some big changes, but not everyone is ready to embrace them. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

## BUILDINGS

### Preservationists and development fans at odds on proposed rules



**Jeremy Simes**  
Metro | Edmonton

Whyte Ave is at a crossroads — the city wants to make way for taller buildings to rejuvenate the street, but faces concerned community reps pushing for preservation.

Edmonton proposed new building height restrictions for Whyte Ave Monday. It's part of the city's PlanWhyte strategy, which outlines Edmonton's fu-

ture vision for the retail and restaurant strip.

The height restrictions are divided into three zones, including heritage (four-storey cap) and main street (six-storey restriction) zones along Whyte Ave itself.

In urbanization zones, just off Whyte, the change would allow buildings up to 50 metres in some areas.

Michael Strong, project manager for PlanWhyte said the zones would give developers more opportunities to redevelop areas just outside that heritage core.

"You need to make sure there are enough people living there to support the main street. This would do that," he said. "People are going to need more places to live and with more people, you'll see more support for the main street."

## + LOCATION

The four-metre cap, known as the heritage district, overlaps Whyte from mid-105 Street to the south-side of 101 Street, and branches into 104 Street and Gateway Boulevard.

The six-metre restriction in the main street

district extends past the heritage boundaries, but encompasses most of Whyte.

The 18-Storey zone branches just off Whyte, hitting 81 Avenue west of 104 Street and centred on 80 Avenue and 104 Street.

But Strathcona Centre Community League president Maureen Duguay isn't thrilled with the new restrictions.

She said 85 per cent of surveyed residents don't approve of 50 metre heights in areas that currently only allow four storeys, citing a survey commissioned by the league that had

417 responses.

"That result really speaks to our concerns," she said. "We haven't felt like we've been able to give our input."

She's also concerned new high-rises could strip the street of its heritage character and become less family-oriented.

"We're fighting a whole bunch



**Maureen Duguay** wants heritage homes kept and to see more family-oriented housing. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

of fronts," she said.

"The new developments are mostly for singles and, if they aren't family oriented, we're not going to fill our schools and see less engagement."

But Strong said tall buildings can be constructed to support heritage character. That usually involves a tier — four storey buildings face the street while 18-storey towers are set back.

"It makes them more relatable and provides that positive experience," he said. "We wanted to respect the fact the community wanted us to control heights in the heritage area — it's the heart of Old Strathcona."

City staff aim to finish PlanWhyte by the end of May and then consult with residents about the vision. Planners will then head to a committee for councillors' input.

Strong noted the strategy will also address mobility (walking, cycling and transit), what kinds of buildings can be constructed, and public park opportunities.

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# New tool a walk in park for residents

## COMMUNITY

### Edmonton woman creates website for 'walkable' areas



**Jeremy Simes**  
Metro | Edmonton

Real estate agent Sara Kalke always hit a roadblock when clients asked her which Edmonton neighbourhoods are most walkable. "I just couldn't find a resource to point them to."

So, she's creating an online tool that will launch on March 30. It's called Walkable Edmonton, a website that highlights all the goods in core neighbourhoods that are easy to reach on foot: food, cafés, shopping, parks and homes.

It also features stories, videos and photos of local business owners and residents who love their streets.

Kalke said she wanted Walkable Edmonton to be more than just a webpage to browse real estate listings.

"Not everyone is buying, so the site is really about celebrating the parks and communities in our city," she said. "I wanted something more lifestyle-oriented, and capture what many people are looking for."

Not surprisingly, the site lists downtown, Garneau, Old Strathcona, Oliver and Westmount as the city's most walkable areas.

"What walkability means to me is essentially you wouldn't need to own a car," she said. "If you live downtown, you get all your needs met by just walking. Plus there's everything like cafes and parks."

She said she hopes the site



**Sara Kalke** has created a new web tool to name Edmonton's most walkable neighbourhoods. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

connects people to Edmonton's great neighbourhoods.

"I want it to support local businesses and support a growing culture of people choosing to live in neighbourhoods based on what they offer," she said.

She also likes the city's push to increase density in core communities, as well as new, out-

lying neighbourhoods.

"Walkable doesn't mean you're living in Oliver and ride your bike everywhere," she said. "It doesn't mean you have to move to the core, either. It's about living in a neighbourhood where you feel safe to walk around in and don't have to battle the busy roads."

## ENVIRONMENT

# Enbridge pipeline spill near Edmonton investigated



**David P. Ball**  
Metro | Vancouver

Canada's pipeline safety regulator deployed investigators Tuesday to the site of a pipeline spill at an Enbridge storage facility outside Edmonton.

Chris Krepski, a spokesman for the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) — which oversees pipeline, railways, air and marine safety — would not

confirm if Tuesday's incident was at the same Strathcona County site where 200 cubic metres of light crude condensate spilled on February 17.

"We have very few details at this point," he said in a phone interview. "An unknown quantity of a liquid petroleum product was released at an Enbridge facility near Edmonton."

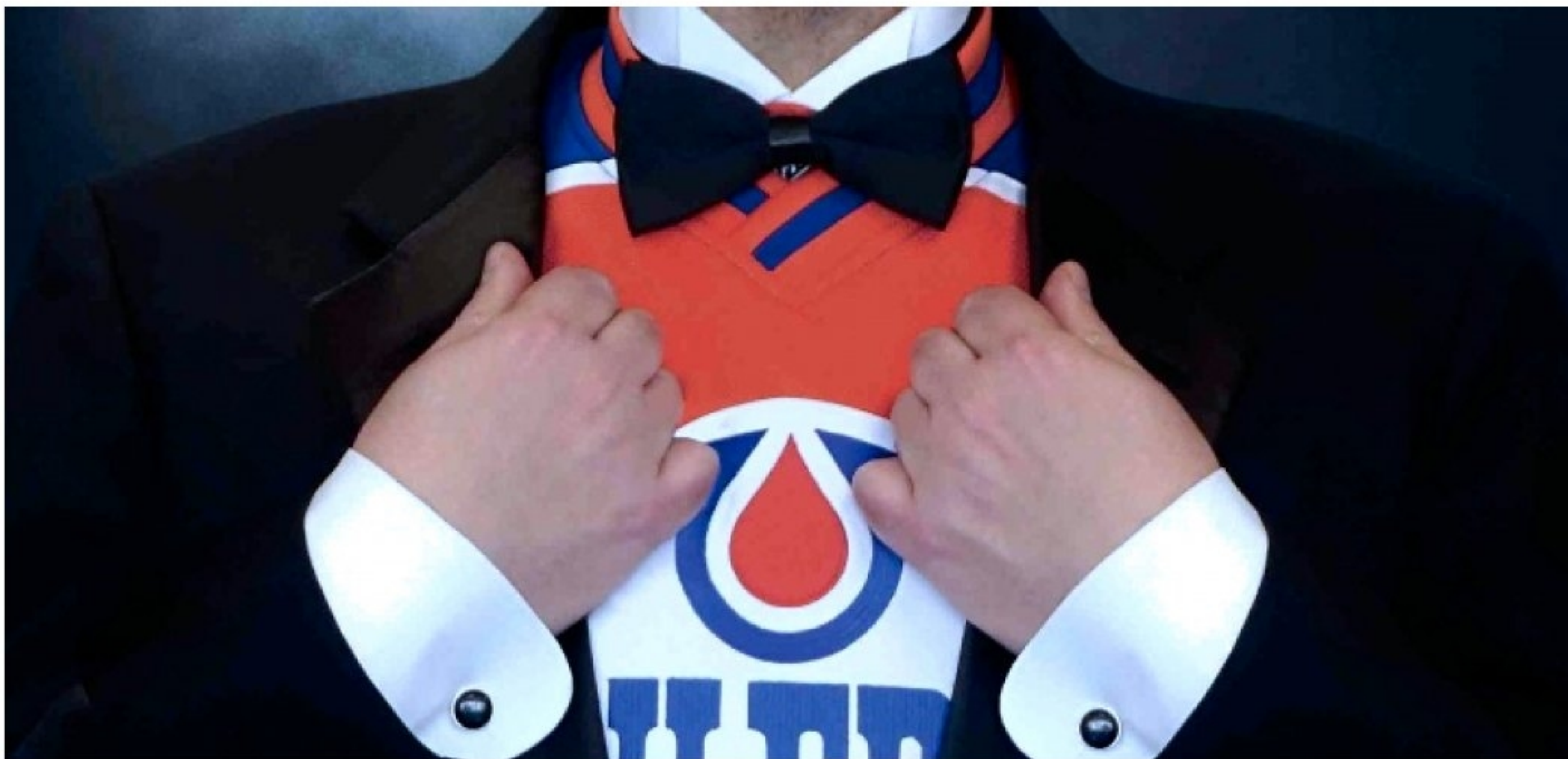
Reportable pipeline incidents aren't uncommon. Last year, the province had 460 pipeline incidents — or one

every 19 hours.

However, that includes "those in which a pipeline is hit but does not leak," according to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER)'s website.

Of those instances, 32 were deemed of "high consequence," meaning that the province considered them to "have the potential to cause the greatest long-term social and environmental damage" — equivalent to one serious problem every 11 days.





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# Together under one roof

## BUSINESS

### Ritchie Market features café, meat market and bike shop

**Sarah Hoyles**  
For Metro | Edmonton

Ritchie Market, a new collaborative commercial space that brings several well-known local companies under one roof, is open for business.

One of the tenants anchoring the two-storey, 17,000-square-foot building at 95 Street and 76 Avenue is Transcend Coffee, who opened their doors Tuesday. Their new café is back under the same roof as the roaster for the first time in six years.

"This is a cool opportunity, not to just have another café," said Transcend owner, Poul Mark.

"When Greg Zeschuk (the building's owner) and I started dreaming about this concept



Poul Mark, owner of Transcend Coffee, at the new Ritchie Market. SARAH HOYLES/FOR METRO

it was about bringing the production of goods back into the public space. Back into the community where it's visible and accessible."

The Market also includes ACME Meats, Creekside Cyclery (formerly Velocity Cycle) and a still-in-the-works Blind En-

**"This is a cool opportunity, not just to have another café."**

Poul Mark

thusiasm Brewing Company and brewpub Biera. The pub and eatery is expected to open in April.

The development was planned over three years through Edmonton's Corner Store Program — one of eight in the city.

"We're trying to take a look at areas in our mature neighbourhoods that might have experienced distressed development over the last 40 to 50 years and support densification, community development and local business," said Wai Tse Ramirez with Community Economic Development.

She said spaces like Ritchie Market "not only attract customers to the overall area, but it really brings a sense of place to the community itself by having additional amenities and services that the people in the community can walk to."

Ritchie Market isn't the only change in the area.

A further redevelopment is planned just across the street in the strip mall owned by K&K Foodliner. It's slated for improvements in 2018.

Tuesday's opening of Transcend in the south central neighborhood follows the recent closure of their downtown location in the Mercer Building. It also means the current Argyll Transcend location (9869 62 Ave), just a few blocks south, is shutting its doors after Friday.

## POLICE

### Teacher charged over child porn

Police say they've charged an Edmonton playwright and substitute teacher with possession of child pornography.

An investigation by ALERT Internet Child Exploitation and Edmonton police began in late February after receiving information from the public.

A computer was seized and police say child sexual exploitation photos and videos were found on it. Police say the investigation is ongoing and more charges are possible.

David Belke, 56, is scheduled to appear in court on April 6.

He was arrested March 17 and released on a number of conditions, including that he not work or volunteer in any location where it could be reasonably foreseen that a person 16 years of age or under may be present.

Belke's website says he currently works as resident playwright with Edmonton's Shadow Theatre, where he is also in charge of new play development.

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# Council pass City Hall security decision

**Jeremy Simes**  
Metro | Edmonton

After passionately weighing in — three times — on proposed new security measures for council chambers, city council wound up leaving the divisive decision to administration.

City council voted 7-4 (Mayor Don Iveson and Coun. Tony Caterina were absent), to let administration decide on potentially installing metal detectors at doors, conducting bag checks, and erecting a 1.4-metre barrier that divides the public from officials in the chamber.

An update on administration's decision will be dealt with in private, quashing further public debate on the topic.

The majority of councillors didn't want to politicize the issue, while some thought it deserved public input.

Coun. Dave Loken, who's been

fiercely in favour of increasing security, told council the measures are preventative.

"I regret this has become so political," he said. "There has been a time I've felt not safe in here."

On the flip side, Coun. Scott McKeen told council the decision should be political.

"I realize I have to respect other people's sense of security," he said. "But one of the things I always admired was how close this chamber is to the people. This is the last place I would feel nervous about a personal threat."

City staff provided councillors with an update last week on their rationale behind increasing security, pointing to recent high-profile crimes in Edmonton, including the brutal crowbar attack.

But staff couldn't point to actual evidence that shows city council chambers are seeing violence.



A look at proposed plans to up security measures in council chambers. COURTESY CITY OF EDMONTON

POLITICS

# City to fly Treaty 6, Métis flags year round

Expect Edmonton to soon fly the Treaty 6 and Métis flags all the time at city hall.

City council voted 10-1 (Mayor Don Iveson and Coun. Tony Caterina were absent) so Edmonton can fly the Indigenous flags alongside the provincial, Canadian and city flags.

Coun. Bev Esslinger, who moved the recommendation to fly the flags, said it honours the city's Indigenous partners. "It's something other muni-

cipalities do across the country," she said. But Coun. Michael Oshry, who voted against raising the flags, said it would've been more appropriate for the province to fly them instead of the city.

"I understand the recognition piece and we do it now," he said. "I agree we need to make the city as welcoming as possible, but I see a separation in the city government flags versus these ones." JEREMY SIMES/METRO



Minister Sarah Hoffman said the province is still consulting with businesses on regulations. KEVIN TUONG/METRO

# Cancer Society: Make teen tanning ban law

HEALTH

## Act was passed but not put into force, still high risk for youth

The Canadian Cancer Society is urging the Alberta government to finally enact legislation to ban young people from using indoor tanning beds. The Skin Cancer Prevention (Artificial Tanning) Act was passed by the legislature in March 2015, but has not been put into force.

Evie Eshpeter, a society spokeswoman, said the two-year delay is putting young people at risk of developing skin cancer, including potentially deadly melanoma. "We are asking them to enact the Skin Cancer Prevention Act without further delay," Eshpeter said in an interview.

"The longer it remains unproclaimed the longer we deny protection to Alberta kids and we put them at unnecessary risk."

Premier Rachel Notley said her government has been busy dealing with other matters, but will take action soon. "We under-

stand that there is as important public safety issue there, and so we will be moving forward on it fairly quickly," she said Tuesday.

The society outlined its concerns to Health Minister Sarah Hoffman in a letter on March 6.

Hoffman told The Canadian Press the province is continuing to consult with businesses and health advocacy groups on the proposed regulations.

"It's important that we get this right and that the final regulatory framework supports our goal to protect youth and help all Albertans make informed decisions about the health risks of ultraviolet artificial tanning," Hoffman wrote in an email.

Alberta is the only province that still allows people under the age of 18 to use indoor tanning equipment. Eshpeter said Alberta's failure to enact the legislation is puzzling. The NDP supported the legislation when

it was introduced by the Progressive Conservatives.

Notley spoke out in 2014 on the need to protect young people from the effects of exposure to artificial ultraviolet rays in a response to a survey question put out by the society.

Question: Will you support legislation that prohibits minors from using indoor tanning equipment? Notley: "Yes. Given

the high rates of skin cancer and the alarming trend of its increase, it is time that Alberta had legislation that works to mitigate it," she wrote.

"As a society we have a responsibility to protect youth from prevent-

able risks that could have deadly consequences. The majority of Canada's provinces have prohibited minors from using indoor tanning and I believe that Alberta's minors deserve this same."

Melanoma is one of the fast-

60%

Research says that using tanning beds during one's youth will increase the risk of getting melanoma, which can be deadly, by 60 per cent.

est-growing preventable cancers and research indicates that using indoor tanning equipment during youth increases the risk of melanoma by nearly 60 per cent.

The society estimates that one-third of 17-year-old girls have used tanning beds. Becky Lynn, a melanoma survivor and mother of three young girls, was diagnosed with skin cancer at the age of 26 after many years of using tanning beds.

Lynn, 49, said she can't fathom why the NDP government has not taken action on the legislation. "It is quite disappointing that two years later we still have not enacted the law," she said. "Let's move on it. Let's join the other provinces. Let's get it done."

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# Trump, tighter rules behind refugee surge

## IMMIGRATION

## Experts say xenophobic policies pushes many north

There were four times more asylum claimants arriving at land border crossings than at airports in the first two months of 2017, new Canadian data shows.

In January and February, a total of 525 air travellers — 400 in Ontario, 90 in Quebec, 35 in British Columbia and nine in Alberta — sought asylum upon arrival at airports, said the Canada Border Services Agency.

By contrast, 2,145 people crossed at official land border ports of entry and made refugee claims during the same period, including 1,085 in Quebec, 905 in Ontario, 80 in Manitoba, and 35 each in Alberta and British Columbia.

In addition to the migrants



An asylum claimant and her daughters cross the border into Quebec from the United States earlier this month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

who made it through the border either legally or illegally and later filed what are known as "inland" claims, Canada received claims from a total of 5,520 refugees in the two months — a 48 per cent increase from the same period a year ago. The numbers of claimants arriving at land border crossings and airports for the same period of 2016 were not immediately available.

Given Canada's geographical isolation and the popularity of the U.S. as a destination for migrants, experts say, Ottawa historically received more refugees by air than at land borders.

Experts say the sudden rise can be attributed to the xenophobic policies of Donald Trump's administration as well as Canada's implementation of the new electronic travel authorization that

applies also to visa-exempt air passengers.

"(The) airport was the easiest way, but because of the visa requirements, it is becoming more difficult to travel here by air than by land, and it is easier to get a visa to the U.S. than to Canada," said Janet Dench of the Canadian Council for Refugees.

Dench said that in years past, the council received monthly statistics from the Immigration Department on asylum claims, before the former Conservative government stopped providing the information in 2010.

Dench cautioned that it is hard to make out any trend and explain the surge in land border claims based on two months of statistics because there could be other factors at play.

"It could be just a question of resource availability. The inland office may have fewer resources and can't give out as many appointments to take in asylum claims," Dench explained.

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## GOVERNMENT

## Advocates applaud report on violence



Advocates are applauding a parliamentary report aimed at reducing domestic violence and sexual assault.

Tabled Monday by the House committee on the Status of Women, the report calls for better training for police and

judges, better data on the issue and more assault centres on university campuses.

In all, it contains 45 recommendations — the committee looked at the issue on university campuses, on the internet and in the justice system.

Pam Damoff, Liberal MP for Oakville North-Burlington and vice-chair of the committee, said sexual violence is a major issue with a lot of problems to solve.

## Man accused of killing his stepson captured by police

The search is over for an Ontario man accused of fatally injuring his seven-year-old stepson moments before attempting to kill a local bank employee.

Niagara police Chief Jeff McGuire says 43-year-old Justin Kuijer was arrested by provincial police Tuesday in northern Ontario.

McGuire says the arrest in Kenora, Ont., came after a tip from a citizen.

A Canada-wide arrest war-



Justin Kuijer

rant was issued Monday for Kuijer on charges of second-degree murder in the death of seven-year-old Nathan Dumas, as well as the attempted murder of a woman working at a local RBC branch.

Police alleged that Kuijer had been on the run in his ex-girlfriend's van ever since the two grisly scenes unfolded on Friday. Police say he was arrested without incident.

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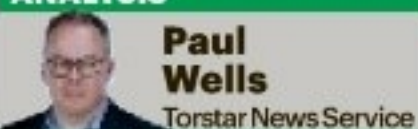




# Few Liberal measures for the middle class have done much for the middle class.

It would be nice if Wednesday's budget offered some real change for Canadians

## ANALYSIS



**Paul Wells**  
Torstar News Service

Wednesday's budget will be about the middle class and innovation. Maybe it'll even be helpful! That would be nice. Unfortunately, the Trudeau government's handling of both files so far has left them in something close to a shambles.

I wrote after Social Development Minister Jean-Yves Duclos gave a presentation about 'The State of the Middle Class.' I was probably too kind.

When a tenured academic turned senior

cabinet minister delivers a presentation on the middle class that (a) never defines the term "middle class"; (b) never depicts the effects of the government's actions to date on the plight of the middle class, however you want to define it; (c) offers no hint about future efforts to help the middle class — well, that's a fiasco.

The Liberals used to promise that Canadians would be able to track their own progress, using large numbers of publicly available indicators, on marvellous websites that would be part of a governing philosophy called "deliverology." These days, we get Duclos telling us how polls say we feel.

But let no one criticize any Liberal emphasis on feelings. Bloomberg put the question to Bill Morneau, the finance minister, this week, and he was staunch in defending a politics of mood.

"We look at what's gone on around the world" (translator's note: this is every western politician's preferred euphemism for the election of Donald Trump) "is there anybody who questions that we should be focused on how people feel?" Morneau asked. "What are the outcomes if we don't? So I think we're going to stay on that message."

OK then. I feel worried when I read Duclos's former colleague, the Université Laval economist Stephen

Gordon, pointing out in the National Post what the NDP has been saying all along: that few Liberal measures for the middle class have done much for the middle class. Take what Justin Trudeau likes to call his "middle-class tax cut." Says Gordon: "The tax cut for the median tax filer — someone reporting total income somewhere around \$45,000 — is either negligible or non-existent." But if you make triple that income, you get the maximum tax benefit.

I feel like maybe we should move on to innovation. This government is the first with a minister for innovation! He's Navdeep Bains. He frequently posts photos of his meetings on Twitter, with the hashtag

"#innovation."

A year and a half after he became the minister for #innovation, it's not clear what Bains's plans are. It's pretty clear that within the government he has less than complete control over #innovation.

Whatever Bains proposes, it will have company. Kevin Page, the former Parliamentary Budget Officer who now runs a policy shop at the University of Ottawa, found that there are already 147 programs and tax credits, worth a combined \$22.6 billion, designed to spur #innovation. That's right now. Today. Already. The accumulated detritus of every former government.

## OTTAWA

### Things to look for in budget

The Trudeau government will table the second budget of its mandate Wednesday. Here are three things to look for:

#### 1. Will Ottawa re-introduce a contingency reserve?

With so many unknowns tied to potential policy moves in the U.S. on taxes and trade, some economists predict the government will re-introduce a contingency reserve to provide a cushion for Canada's books.

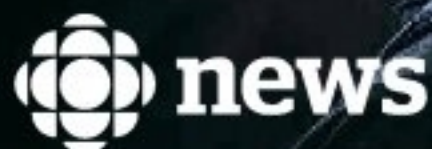
#### 2. What will be the scope of the tax-expenditure review?

Sources say the review process is ongoing, meaning the budget will not include the full range of tax changes. However, it is expected to contain at least a few smaller tax adjustments.

#### 3. How will the budget address gender gaps?

Morneau has promised to run his budget through a gender-based analysis. This year's analysis is expected to examine how some big budget themes will affect genders.

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# Laptop ban questioned

## AIR TRAVEL

### Reasons for latest change will likely never be public

You can thank Richard Reid, a.k.a. the failed "shoe bomber," every time you remove your footwear at airport security checks. The "underwear bomber" is why you have to rub your pants and get your palms swabbed for explosive residue. Limited liquid? A failed 2006 transatlantic aircraft plot.

But passengers, irate passengers, who will soon be barred from bringing laptops on their lengthy flights to the U.S. or U.K., will probably not be given a simple answer as to why. Flights to Canada may also soon be affected.

News of the surprise travel restriction began spreading Monday night and came into effect in the U.S. early Tuesday. Passengers travelling direct from eight mainly Middle Eastern countries to the U.S. will be forbidden from carrying on electronics larger than a cellphone. Airlines



U.S. and British governments are barring passengers on some flights from Middle Eastern and North African countries from bringing laptops and other devices in carry-ons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

were told they have 96 hours to comply. By Tuesday afternoon, Britain said they were implementing similar restrictions on six countries in North Africa and the Middle East.

Federal Transport Minister Marc Garneau also said Tuesday that Canada may follow the lead of the U.S. and Britain in relation to unspecified security threats.

According to U.S. reports, the new measure is not based on any specific threat or being implemented as one of the re-

active security measures that have become common in the past 15 years after failed attacks.

Which leaves many to ask not only why but what are the actual security benefits?

"We don't know what the cause is. We don't know what the reason is. We don't know what is going on," said Bruce Schneier, a security technologist and fellow at Berkman Center.

As the story spread, so did the skepticism. A New York Times report Tuesday stated that the

## IN CANADA

If Ottawa does not issue a similar ban, Canadian airports are bound to get busier as passengers decide to bypass the hassle of U.S. travel. Emirates Airlines and Turkish and EgyptAir, among other airlines, have frequent direct flights to Canadian cities.

new measure "was not based on any specific or credible threat of an imminent attack."

The TSA statement was vague, saying that the measure was based on "evaluated intelligence."

The only known attack using a laptop occurred over a year ago in Mogadishu. The East African Al Qaeda affiliate, Al Shabab, claimed responsibility for the bomb on board a Daallo Airlines flight, which blew a hole in the fuselage, sucking out the suspected bomber. The passenger jet was forced to make an emergency landing, but none of the other passengers were injured.

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## FINANCES

### Wealthy people ask to pay more in taxes

Some of the wealthiest New Yorkers are asking the state to raise their taxes.

Eighty people including George Soros, Steven Rockefeller and Abigail Disney wrote to lawmakers and Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo saying they and other top earners should pay more to support schools, roads, bridges and programs to help poor and homeless residents of the state.

"Now is the time to invest in the long-term economic viability of New York," the letter reads. "We need to invest in pathways out of poverty and up the economic ladder for all of our fellow



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citizens, including strong public education from pre-K to college. And, we need to invest in the fragile bridges, tunnels, waterlines, public buildings, and roads that we all depend on."

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## GLOBAL DIGEST

### 'Piggy bank' turtle dies

Tourists used to toss coins at a green sea turtle that lived in a pond in Thailand, wishing for luck and longevity. But swallowing the tidbits turned out to be a death sentence, as after having nearly a thousand coins removed from its stomach two weeks ago, the turtle died Tuesday. AP

### Bumblebee joins endangered species

The rusty patched bumblebee on Tuesday became the first officially endangered bee species in the continental U.S. Its listing means the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will devise a plan for returning the imperiled bee to "a healthy and secure condition." AP

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## JESSICA ALLEN ON CONSPIRACY THEORIES



**'I obviously don't believe in conspiracy theories — OK, except for this one really awesome one.'**

Here is a truncated list of things that, if you believe them, will make me take you less seriously: the Earth is flat, vaccinations are part of a government plot, and Barack Obama wire-tapped Trump Tower.

Conspiracy theories conform to fit different personal ideologies: look at the permutations of 9/11 theories, ranging from anti-Semitic to anti-New World Order down to versions that confirm people's desires to live in a world where Nostradamus was right about everything.

We're predisposed to believe what we want to believe; only in the past, you had to work to confirm those beliefs — like reading all 888 pages of the Warren Report. Now, you just have to search, click, and watch.

Except for me, because I obviously don't believe in conspiracy theories — OK, except for this one really awesome one: Donald Trump is in cahoots with a Russian oligarch who goes by the nickname "the fertilizer king."

Dmitry Rybolovlev, who made his billions selling potash, was tied up in the most expensive divorce in modern history, bought a house from Will Smith, the Greek island where Jackie Onassis wed Aristotle, and an estate in Palm Beach, Florida — from Trump.

I know all of this because I've fallen down a Rybolovlev rabbit hole, for which I blame Rachel Maddow. The MSNBC host has been trying to connect the dots between



So Shaq is pretty sure the Earth is flat. Who among us can resist a juicy conspiracy theory? asks Jessica Allen. AP

Trump, Rybolovlev, and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross.

Long story short, as told by Maddow: Trump sold the Palm Beach mansion to the Russian for \$50 million (U.S.) more than he'd paid for it just four years earlier. The sale came as Rybolovlev was embroiled in big bucks divorce proceedings, and Trump owed millions to Deutsche Bank, which was fined for money laundering some \$10 billion dollars, some of which belonged to Putin family members. When the CEO of Deutsche bank stepped down post scandal, he went to the Bank of Cyprus. Guess who once owned a stake in the Bank of Cyprus? Rybolovlev. Guess who was once vice chairman of the Bank of Cyprus? Wilbur Ross.

Boom!

But this line of logic led Sonny Bunch in a Washington Post column to compare Maddow to the Oliver Stone character X, played by Kiefer Sutherland, in 1991 film JFK. "This is how conspiracy theorists operate," he said. "Bury your opponent in an

avalanche of facts and suggest there's some secret connecting them all together, a Rosetta Stone you're on the verge of deciphering."

If Maddow is X, then I am the cartoonist, played by Jake Gyllenhaal in David Fincher's 2007 thriller Zodiac, who became an amateur detective trying to crack one of the most notorious serial killer cases ever. I spent all of Sunday drawing diagrams and pie charts trying to piece this Russian doll of a puzzle together. Simon watched me, his partner of 13 years who will smugly cite a study in polite conversation on how those who believe in conspiracies are more likely to score lower in intelligence tests, and asked: *Who are you?*

I don't know, but I feel pretty confident that I'm becoming my worst nightmare. And I can't stop.

I won't stop — because there are reports that Rybolovlev's private plane has landed at the same time and place as Trump's on at least four occasions (Thanks, crooksandliars.com. Also, why am I reading crooksandliars.com?)

What if this Russia-Trump

FBI dossier legitimately connects the dots because the truth is out there? What if the dots pinpoint Trump as the Zodiac killer? What if Shaquille O'Neal is right and the Earth really is flat?

Even though the mansion Trump sold Rybolovlev is called "The House of Friendship," which even Oliver Stone couldn't make up, Rachel Maddow and I need to tread carefully.

We are living in a world that doesn't make sense. Maybe every age says this, but ours has actually been dubbed the "post truth age."

Jonathan Vance, a University of Western Ontario history professor who specializes in panic and paranoia, theorized to the Canadian Press that "we think that our society is so developed that bad things shouldn't happen." So when they do occur — even organically — we seek scapegoats.

"Conspiracy absolves us of responsibility and it absolves us of the fickle hand of fate," he told the news agency.

There is a glimmer of hope, though, that society is taking up its responsibility. And it comes from an unlikely place: Trump. In his war on the mainstream media, he has, in an ironic twist, boosted the subscription numbers of the "failing" New York Times.

That a man who has successfully twisted a term once used to describe actual fake news and made it a catch-all sobriquet for institutional journalism might inadvertently be the saviour of newspapers in America is almost enough to make you believe anything.

Cue conspiracy.

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## VICKY MOCHAMA

### Budget should support private refugee sponsors

The decades-old private sponsorship program is unique in both form and tradition.

But without sufficient money and resources, the agency that manages it is struggling with a backlog of potential sponsors, and leaving Canada in danger of breaking its global promise.

As the federal budget comes down in Ottawa, this should be a top priority.

The global migrant crisis is, with or without our help, finding a way into our country.

While the right and humane thing is for Canada to match rhetoric with policy, there is one more reason to spend the money to clear the backlog: private sponsorship works.

Speaking in front of the Commons immigration committee Monday, Minister Ahmed Hussen said 53 per cent of privately-sponsored refugees had found full-time employment. For government-sponsored refugees that number is 10 per cent, he said.

Supported by the community around them, refugees are finding jobs faster than those assisted mostly by bureaucrats and agencies. The private sponsorship system allows families and community groups to pool their will, compassion and resources to help refugee families.

There are approximately 6,000 such sponsors awaiting approval by the federal government to be matched with a refugee family.

It thus came as a surprise to many families, churches, businesses and community groups to find that in mid-December, the department of citizenship

and immigration quietly put a cap of 1,000 on the number of new applicants looking to sponsor Syrian and Iraqi refugees in 2017. Some groups had been prepared to sponsor multiple families.

The change to the private sponsorship system for Syrian and Iraqi refugees was meant to ease the backlog in processing applications. Months later, the backlog persists.

At the same time that the Immigration and Refugee Board is battling a stack of applications, the government has increased the overall number of privately-sponsored refugees that it plans to allow this year from elsewhere in the world. This year, Canada is planning for a high of 19,000 privately sponsored refugees.

The agency anticipates the situation will deteriorate. It foresees as many as 30,000 claims languishing. Wait times, which refugees and their advocates say are already lengthy, will double.

Speaking to The Canadian Press, the chairman of IRB was frank that the board was doing its best but it needed more help, saying, "efficiency has increased significantly, but there is no way we can deal with 30,000 cases when we're funded for about 17,000."

Supported and embraced, refugee families are integrating. Canadian communities have shown that they are willing to do their part in the global migrant crisis.

The private sponsorship system is a workable extension of the generosity that we proclaim.

It's time for Ottawa to put the money in and figure it out.

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## Why frozen is the new fresh

### FOOD TRENDS

#### Our false idea of 'freshness' causes too much waste

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When Karyl Agana looks in her home freezer, only one thing belongs to her: A package of salmon.

Like so many self-described foodies, the 28-year-old finance assistant prefers to buy nearly all her fruits, vegetables and meats fresh.

"I enjoy food a lot," she said. "I go out looking for great tasting food. And I make it look pleasing."

Agana aims to make four beautiful meals a week; sourcing ingredients from her Toronto neighbourhood's abundance of grocery stores and ethnic markets.

But inevitably, some of it gets wasted: About once a month, she goes through her fridge and throws away a full

grocery bag of spoiled produce. And she's never been one to cook and freeze for later — she said she has nothing against it; it's just not what she grew up doing.

She's far from alone. According to Tammara Soma, who studies food waste at the University of Toronto's Food Systems Lab, Canadians spend a collective \$107 billion per year on food that never gets eaten, including the cost of fuel and water.

Why? Because, she said, we're obsessed with a false ideal of freshness.

"We're so detached. We've lost that whole connection between production, processing and consumption," Soma said. "We gravitate toward the idea of freshness to become comfortable with the unknowns. Fresh means healthy, fresh

means good."

Meanwhile, frozen food gets a bad rap it doesn't deserve. It's picked at peak season and preserved right away, unlike, say, grocery-store bananas, which are picked green, stored for many days, shipped across the world and ripened with ethylene gas, Soma said.

"The idea that they're fresh is quite a paradox," she added. "Fresh is a marketing concept."

And our obsession with it is costing us. The typical North American fridge (unlike European fridges, which are a bit smaller) is an "enabler as a food waste," Soma said. "We stock it up and forget about it. We buy doubles of the same thing. It's a compost bin."

But the freezer is a powerful weapon against waste. Take herbs, for example: Most people buy a huge bunch but



Tammara Soma. CONTRIBUTED

only use a few leaves, leaving the rest to rot.

Soma recommends pureeing them with olive oil and freezing them in ice-cube trays for an instant way to perk up pasta dishes and soups.

Sure, frozen fruits and vegetables can be a bit watery and mushy, which grosses some people out. But in things like soups and smoothies, you'll hardly notice.

"The more standards imposed on the food, the more opportunities there are for it to be wasted," Soma said. "It's time to implement a new measure of freshness that's simple: 'Does it smell good? Does it look edible?'"

### + FREEZE TO THE MAX EXPERT TIPS

Leanne Brown, author of *Good and Cheap*, a cookbook designed to help people on public assistance make cheap, nutritious meals gives her top tips:

#### Buy frozen and canned in the off-season

"You might think fresh is best, but for flavour reasons and cost reasons, pay attention to season. Fresh tomatoes right now are basically trash."

#### Compare prices in-store

Food prices fluctuate. "It would be nice if there were set rules; if canned and

frozen were always cheaper. They're often not."

#### Cook and freeze a staple

"It's as simple as making a big pot of a really inexpensive staple like beans or lentils and having that be the centre of a taco meal, and then as a side another night."

#### Don't use your freezer as a dumping ground

"I've made too large a portion of something and I'm sick of it. Usually it is going to the freezer to die. Label it when you put it in there."



**I enjoy food a lot. I go out looking for great tasting food. And I make it look pleasing.**

Foodie but non-freezer Karyl Agana



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# Say it ain't dough: raw treat is a risk

**FOOD SAFETY**

## Sweet trend is hot right now but cold batter can do damage

**Genna Buck**  
Metro | Toronto



It's every kid's dream: Licking gooey, sugary cookie dough straight off the spoon or beater.

But beware: Trendy restaurants and cafés serving raw cookie dough could be doling out a dangerous dose of harmful bacteria as well. Uncooked or undercooked eggs could be contaminated with salmonella,

and E. coli outbreaks have been linked to the consumption of raw flour, too.

So ask about safety before indulging in the nostalgia-fuelled cookie dough craze. Toronto's Junked Food Co., which started scooping cones of cookie dough earlier this month — and is already going through 600 pounds of the sweet stuff every weekend — uses only pasteurized eggs and heats the flour to 160 C to kill any harmful bugs that might be lurking, co-owner Brian McKilligan said.

If you want to be super-safe, the lemon flavour is totally egg-free.

The restaurant also has pints of dough available to take away — so there is the option to, you know, actually bake it and make cookies.



Junked Food Co. in Toronto went through pounds of cookie dough this month, serving it like ice cream, in what's being dubbed a new dessert craze. [INSTAGRAM/JUNKEDFOODCO](#)



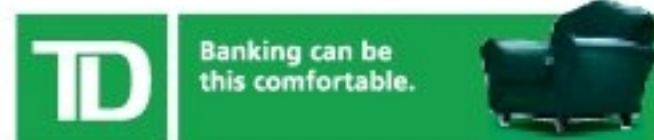
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For every dish that gets a thousand likes on Instagram, there are dozens that don't come close but that shouldn't cause you heartburn — even professional chefs get it wrong. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Exploding eggs and horrified friends

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### KITCHEN CATASTROPHES

## Even the best cooks have an off day; here's some of worst

**Karon Liu**  
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For every dish that makes it on to Instagram, there are a few duds better off in the garbage.

Last year, while researching the our annual cookie calendar, I spent more than a week trying to make macarons. I over-whipped my first batch and got grainy egg whites, and under-whipped the next, resulting in meringue pancakes. Oven fans blew the fragile tops off another batch, and then while tapping the tray of piped meringues on the table to get rid of air bubbles, I missed the table altogether. Needless to say, they never made it onto Instagram.

But hey, no one is perfect and at least I got a good story out of my attempts. With that in mind, we asked readers to share their harrowing tales of home cooking fails. Here are the best of the worst.

**1 Zombie Sushi**  
(Danny Bernard, 30)  
My friends and I take turns

making dinners for each other monthly. I like sushi so I thought I would give it a go. I thought I didn't need short (grain) rice and it turns out the avocado wasn't ripe enough. "Looks like a dead body thrown in a tarp," one of my friends commented. "Rice looks like maggots." My friends luckily rain-checked me. I learned from this, and the next week I got it together ... mostly.

**2 Taste (and glass) explosion**  
(Edythe Yee, 46)

There was a glass explosion in my friend's kitchen when we were frying a bunch of food last year. The bowl was filled with glaze and was sitting on the counter in the kitchen next to my sour cream lemon cake doughnuts and my sour cherry fritter batter, both waiting their turn in the deep fryer, which was outside. We heard a loud bang and when we went to investigate, we saw glass shards everywhere: all over the counter, the next counter over, and all over the floor. We had to toss all the doughnuts, batter and the other glaze. The glaze was sitting by itself at room temperature in an air-conditioned kitchen so we don't know why it randomly exploded. No one got hurt but we were

very, very sad.

**3 Thanks for the endorsement**  
(Corrie Pollock, 30)

I just had to send you a photo of the "60-second microwave cookie" I attempted a while ago. Not pictured: a cookie explosion all over the microwave's ceiling. This didn't stop me from trying your (microwave) mug cake recipe, which turned out absolutely perfect.

**4 Slippery pie**  
(Susan Gow, 72)

In 1963, I left Quebec City and went to Soest, Germany, as a new bride with my husband who was serving in the Canadian army as part of the NATO forces. My new home was a small flat in a shared German home with not much kitchen equipment. I had a two-burner portable stove top and a steel-framed "glass box" for a stove that sat on a small wooden table with the burner. No matter, I had my trusty Fannie Farmer Cookbook with me that I received as a wedding present. I made a beautiful apple pie and proudly served it to my husband. He bit into it, looked puzzled, but polished it off in no time. "Wow," he gasped, "That was some slippery pie. How did you make it? I could

hardly keep it on my fork." To my horror I realized I read the recipe wrong. Instead of adding vegetable shortening, lard, or butter I added all three ingredients. All these years later, I still get teased about the slippery pie.

**5 Mother knows best**  
(Nicole Willett, 38)

Bam! Then another. Bam! Bam! I counted a dozen. "Hide!" my mom said. A few minutes later, she grabbed a baseball bat and with a "follow me" we ventured into the kitchen. I was 8 years old when I learned that when you boil eggs and all the water evaporates, they explode and sound like a gunshot. Mom put the bat down and we spent the evening scraping splattered egg from the ceiling, floor, cabinets and stove. My mom was notorious for her kitchen fails. The pizza delivery place knew her voice and order by memory. A few years before she passed, she left me with a prized possession: A Betty Crocker cookbook with the following inscription:

Merry Christmas! Since you don't have a person to refer to when it comes to cooking, I thought you would use this! xoxo Mom.

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# Wyclef Jean 'appalled' at case of mistaken identity

MUSIC

**Singer releases video of police detaining him in Hollywood**



**Andrew Fifield**  
Metro | Toronto

Los Angeles County sheriff's officials are apologizing to Grammy-winning singer Wyclef Jean who was detained after being mistaken for an armed robbery suspect.

Sheriff's officials said in a statement Tuesday afternoon that while they apologize for the inconvenience, Jean was lawfully stopped by deputies looking for a violent armed robber whose victims described a similar vehicle and article of clothing.

The 47-year-old R&B star tweeted a video of him in handcuffs while flashing squad car lights illuminated him and the arresting officers early Tuesday.

"That's what's going on right now with Wyclef in L.A. right now," he says to the camera. "The LAPD have me in cuffs for absolutely nothing."

The singer adds he was returning home from a record-



Wyclef Jean is "appalled at the behaviour" of the LAPD during the incident. AP/FILE



**I said my name and told them they have the wrong person.**

Wyclef Jean

ing studio.

In later tweets, the Haitian-born artist says he was not given a chance to explain the situation before he was handcuffed.

"I was asked by the police to put my hands up, then I was told 'do not move,'" he wrote. I was instantly handcuffed before being asked to identify myself.

"I said my name and told them they have (the) wrong person. They proceeded to ignore me and I was treated like a criminal until other police

showed up and pointed they had the wrong person."

Jean said on Twitter that he was "appalled at this behaviour."

A man believed to be the correct suspect was later arrested. Police say that a gun and a stolen wallet were recovered.

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**JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING**

## True heroism is found in the modesty of this band of brothers

**THE SHOW:** Band of Brothers, Episode 7 (HBO)

**THE MOMENT:** "I withstood it well, but..."

The World War II US paratroopers of Easy Company just fought a hellish winter battle in Bastogne, Belgium — freezing cold, constant shelling, trees and bodies blown to splinters. One of the real men who endured it, now a white-haired senior, speaks in a to-camera interview.

"You don't have a chance when your friends go down, you know, to really take care of them as you might," he says. As he speaks, his voice thickens. His eyes fill with tears. He has to keep licking his lips because his mouth dries up.

"I withstood it well, but I had a lot of trouble in later life, because those events would come back." A barely contained sob



Steven Spielberg's series now resonates even more. CONTRIBUTED

fills his voice as he adds, "And you never forget them."

HBO's older series are avail-

able on demand right now, so I was happy to catch up with this 10-parter from Steven Spiel-

berg and Tom Hanks, based on Stephen Ambrose's book.

It took me a few hours to realize its genius: It's not about individual characters. The men who speak to camera aren't identified until the final episode. The actors playing them are hard to tell apart.

But that's the point. This show is about the idea of comradeship — about throwing your person into service for the collective, about making all bodies into one body, about caring for others more than yourself.

That's a rare idea in our age of hyper-individuality, even rarer now than it was in 2001 when this show was made. The modesty is the heroism.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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## Finally, an affordable electric



### REVIEW

### A low range almost doesn't factor at this price point



**Dan Ilika**  
AutoGuide.com

It's unlikely this is what Hyundai had in mind for the media drive of the all-new Ioniq Electric, the brand's first real attempt at breaking into the slow-selling EV market.

What this entails is an unexpected bout of unseasonably bad weather in Kelowna, B.C. It's not unrealistic to expect temperatures around 8 C this time of year in the Okanagan Valley; instead it's about -5 C and snowing, with some freezing rain mixed in. This poses obvious problems.

Cold weather is the enemy of electric vehicles. From its effects on the battery to the additional energy needed to run the car's climate control system, range is reduced in a big way when the mercury plunges. Yet here we are, ready to set out on a journey intended to cover about 113 kilometres, or a little more than half the estimated range of the Ioniq Electric. Only our tester isn't showing anywhere near the range the car is capable of despite efforts to top up the charge.

Packing a 28-kWh battery, the Hyundai Ioniq Electric is good for an estimated 200 km of driving. That's barely better than the aging Nissan Leaf (172

km), which was introduced way back in 2010, and almost half the range of the all-new Chevrolet Bolt (383 km), though the Bolt's battery boasts twice the capacity.

Setting out for our drive from a snow-covered parking lot, the car's estimated range of about 169 km is looming.

Parlaying power from the battery to the front wheels is an electric motor and a single-speed reduction gear transmission, while a set of regenerative brakes can send energy back to the battery. While the Ioniq Electric is hampered somewhat by the additional heft of its beefy battery, the torque from the electric motor helps to disguise it and makes the car feel nimble.

While it tends to float over uneven pavement like an old Lincoln thanks to its low center of gravity created by the battery, the car features taut and responsive steering that's superior to its gas-electric sibling, the Ioniq Hybrid. It isn't, however, quite as sure-footed on slippery surfaces.

The Ioniq Electric may not compare to the likes of the Chevy Bolt — or the pending Tesla Model 3 — when it comes to range, but it has it beat when it comes to price. Base models are expected to start at \$35,000, with a fully loaded version to cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$42,000. That poses an interesting value proposition when compared to virtually other EVs on the market.

Ending our drive, our tester is still showing nearly 80 km of range remaining — no small feat. Hyundai's first all-electric offering impresses, even with the cold winter weather rearing its efficiency-sapping head.

### THE CHECKLIST | 2017 HYUNDAI IONIQ ELECTRIC REVIEW

#### THE BASICS

**Engine:** Single motor drive unit  
**Output:** 120 horsepower, 215 pound-feet of torque  
**Transmission:** Single-speed reduction gear  
**Battery size:** 28 kWh  
**Estimated range:** 200 kilometres  
**Price:** Starts at \$35,000 (est.) (before available incentives)



#### LOVE IT

- Familiar driving feel
- Cabin layout
- Competitive pricing

#### LEAVE IT

- Quirky design
- Relatively small battery
- Adjustable brake regeneration

### NO FUN

## New report confirms that car buyers are boring people



**Dan Ilika**  
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Apparently the auto market is increasingly looking like an eight-bit greyscale, with the vast majority of new vehicles sold these days finished in a less-than-exciting quartet of colours.

That's according to a report from paint supplier Axalta, which found that an astonishing 77 per cent of cars, trucks and SUVs sold in 2016 were finished in white, silver, grey

and black. If there ever was a barometer of just how boring car-buyers have become this is it.

White led the way at 37 per cent of global sales, trailed by black at 18 per cent. Grey and silver followed at 11 per cent each. Worse still, 2016 marked the sixth consecutive year white was the No. 1 seller, which overtook silver in 2011. Line them all up and it's like our parking lots are stuck in the movie Pleasantville. (If you understand this obscure reference then you will understand how sad the

situation is.)

The picture is a slightly less bleak one in North America, with red (10 per cent) and blue (eight per cent) adding a splash of colour to the mix, though white, black, grey and silver still led the way on the continent by a landslide.

There is, however, some reprieve on the horizon. Axalta says "colourful hues are tinting traditional neutral colors" to bring colour back into vogue. Here's to a slightly darker shade of burnt orange coming soon to a dealer near you.



White has been the best selling shade since 2011 and last year it accounted for 37 per cent of vehicle sales globally. iStock



# Outdated technology inspiring innovation

HYUNDAI

## Patent filed for innovative three-cylinder engine



Jason Siu  
AutoGuide.com

Hyundai has filed a patent for a three-cylinder engine with some very interesting technology.

The patent application was filed on November 30, 2015 but was published on March 16, 2017. In it, the Korean automaker details a three-cylinder engine where two of the cylinders perform four-cycle combustion while the remaining cylinder is two-cycle combustion. Essentially it's a combined-cycle combustion engine in hopes of improving fuel efficiency, among other things.

"However, since the three-



The Korean automaker has plans for a combined-cycle combustion engine that will improve fuel efficiency. HANDOUT

cylinder engine has structural characteristics in which bores, strokes, and valve timings of the respective cylinders are equal to one another, the engine generates noise and vibration compared to typical four or more

cylinder engines," the patent application says. "To resolve this, it is necessary to devise a design technique for three-cylinder engines in which a three-cylinder engine combines a four-cycle with a two-cycle. In addition,

since engine performance (for example, power and torque) is deteriorated when this combined cycle engine is controlled, merchantable quality of the engine may be lowered."

It appears Hyundai is looking to solve the deterioration by combining two- and four-cycle cylinders. Since the bore, stroke and valve timing of the two-cycle cylinder can differ from the four-cycle cylinder, the same power is generated in the two- and four-cycle cylinders, preventing engine performance from dropping when the three-cylinder engine is operated under the combined cycles. It also maintains the advantages of a three-cylinder engine, mainly its compact structure and high fuel efficiency.

Expect to see more three-cylinder engines being developed by automakers in the coming years. The new Ford Fiesta ST for example, uses a three-cylinder EcoBoost engine to generate 200 horsepower and 214 pound-feet of torque.

TECHNOLOGY

## Ford's Pedestrian Detection system gets night vision

Ford has improved its Pedestrian Detection technology so that it now works at night.

According to a new poll commissioned by Ford, night blindness and fear of hitting someone top night-time driving fears and the American automaker is hoping its latest technology helps alleviate those worries. The new technology is designed to detect pedestrians at night and then automatically apply the brakes if the driver does not respond to initial warnings.

In order to get Pedestrian Detection to work at night for the first time, the development team worked at night by sending life-sized dummies into the path of vehicles on closed tracks. The system was also tested on public roads in busy cities including Paris and Amsterdam.

So how does it all work? Basically, the system processes information from a radar located in the bumper and a windshield-mounted camera through a database of "pedestrian shapes" to distinguish people from objects

like road signs and trees. According to Ford, the camera delivers over 30 snapshots every second, and the video live feed and wide viewing angle allows the system to see pedestrians, even in low-light conditions.

In North America, the technology will first debut on the 2018 Ford F-150 and Ford Mustang models, while Europeans will first see it on the next-generation Ford Fiesta that debuted at the 2017 Geneva Motor Show last week.

"We know some drivers find hitting the road at night a stressful experience. Especially driving in towns and cities, pedestrians — sometimes distracted by mobiles — can without warning step into the road, leaving even alert drivers very little time to avoid an accident," said Gregor Alexi, active safety engineer, Ford of Europe. "Day and night, Pedestrian Detection is designed to help identify people already in — or about to step into — the road ahead."

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# Put the brakes on these five bad habits

## ETIQUETTE

### Kick these habits to make the roads safer for everyone

**Louis MacPherson**  
AutoGuide.com

For many, the automobile is the paragon of independence. Behind the wheel, a driver is a slave to no one. Except that's not always true.

Motorists are slaves to their own driving shortcomings as well as the bad habits of others on the road.

Having driven more than 2.5 million miles before my 50th birthday, I have witnessed more than my fair share of bad driving. My experience has shown me there are five main behaviours that put ourselves and others at risk on the roads.

#### Being unaware of your surroundings

Without question, the main issue is an unawareness of one's surroundings — from this all



Road warrior MacPherson shares the five worst chronic driving habits he's observed in his time behind the wheel. iStock

else flows. Observe the number of drivers who look up only to discover a car carrier, garbage truck, bus, etc. has magically appeared in their sightline, despite having been easily within view from several hundred

metres away.

Anyone who has spent a logistics career on the road will confirm that the more a driver focuses on the horizon, the more anticipatory their driving becomes. Being aware negates the

need for excessively hard braking, erratic lane changes and the resultant consequences that drive everyone on the road crazy.

#### Improper braking

Most people do not know how

to brake. If their gaze falls only as far as the hood ornament on their car, I can confidently predict how they'll brake — suddenly — and how often they'll need to have brakes and rotors replaced or serviced. Not to mention the high probability that they'll inevitably end up in a rear-end collision.

The poorer your grasp of the horizon, the poorer and more erratic your braking and the greater the likelihood that another driver will rear end you. Brake smoothly and with moderation.

#### Not using turn signals

People who don't use turn signals are not lazy, they're indifferent — which is worse. In other aspects of life, we communicate our intentions so why should the turn signal be different?

In their most basic use, they are a courtesy. To use them is so simple, yet it's an action that is universally recognized as charitable, prudent and infinitely safer.

The use of turn signals are, perhaps, the greatest automotive example of reciprocity. Crossing any lane without signaling is not only dangerous, it is the equivalent of trespassing.

#### Bad turn signal courtesy

This behaviour is somewhat a continuance of turn signal courtesy. Drivers should always signal first (and with adequate notice), brake second.

All three previous examples of poor driver etiquette collide with alarming consequences for the driver behind you caught off guard. Once again, you are telegraphing your intentions to those on the road who may or may not be paying attention.

Giving as much advanced notice as possible will mitigate the need for drivers behind you to risk sudden lane changes or slam on the breaks.

#### Not turning into your correct lane

Perhaps nothing impedes the flow of traffic more at an intersection than people who do not turn into the correct lane. To watch two automobiles, each coming from opposing directions, harmoniously turn into their correct lane is a thing of breathtaking beauty. It is automotive ballet.

The conclusion is clear. The more we aspire and commit to being disciplined drivers, the more we make driving safer and more pleasurable for everyone.

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# That electric feel becoming luxury



## CAYENNE

### High-end hybrid

The new Porsche Panamera introduced us to the Turbo S E-Hybrid powertrain which is set to spread to at least one more model. Porsche confirmed that the Cayenne will be adopting the new hybrid powertrain, which has a total system output of 680 horsepower and 628 pound-feet of torque. It is comprised of a turbocharged 4.0-liter V8 paired to an electric motor.

With its all-electric Mission E sports car on the horizon and the rise of electrification across its lineup, Porsche wants to push the idea of an electrified top-trim model. STEPHEN ELMER/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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## LOTUS ELISE

### Punching above its weight

The Lotus Elise has received minor updates for 2017, including the addition of an all-new, ultra lightweight Elise Sprint model variant.

The Sprint trim line can be specified with Elise Sport and Elise Sport 220 models and will shave 90 pounds from the outgoing Elise Sport.

Following Lotus founder Colin Chapman's famous mantra of "simplify and add lightness," the Elise Sport features a lightweight lithium ion battery that saves 20 lbs, lightweight alloy wheels saving 11 lbs and carbon fiber race seats saving 13.2 lbs.

Other standard lightweight components on the Elise Sprint means it tips the scales at 1,759 lbs dry.

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## MCLAREN

### Lighten up

It's barely been a week since McLaren's newest supercar debuted and there's already talk of a hotter version.

The McLaren 720S was officially unveiled at the 2017 Geneva Motor Show. But it's probably less of a surprise that a McLaren 720S LT is in the pipeline, especially considering other exotic automakers are focusing on lighter, more hardcore versions like the Lamborghini Huracan Performante. Ferrari is also working on a track-oriented version of the 488. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM



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## NIO EVE

### Can I copy your homework?

Chinese automaker NIO has unveiled a new EV, but Faraday Future is quick to point out the similarities.

The EVE Concept presented at SXSW is designed to be an autonomous "digital companion" with an artificial intelligence engine called NOMI. Faraday Future called the automaker out as it unveiled its FF 91 earlier this year. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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### BMW wants to sell fully self-driving cars by 2021

BMW is laying out a timeline for its self-driving cars, planning to have them on the road by 2021.

"We are on the way to deliver a car in 2021 with level 3, 4 and 5," said Elmar Fickenstein, BMW's senior vice president for autonomous driving. Level three still requires the driver to focus on control of the vehicle, while levels four and five are best described as fully self-driving. The jump from level three to four will be the hardest, as it also means that responsibility is placed on the vehicle's systems, not the driver. STEPHEN ELMER/AUTOGUIDE.COM



# Sabres just child's play for Sid the Kid

**NHL**  
**Penguins lock up playoff berth for 11th straight season**

After losing a pair of front teeth, Sidney Crosby wasn't available to discuss the highlight-reel, one-handed goal he scored in helping the Pittsburgh Penguins clinch their 11th consecutive playoff berth.

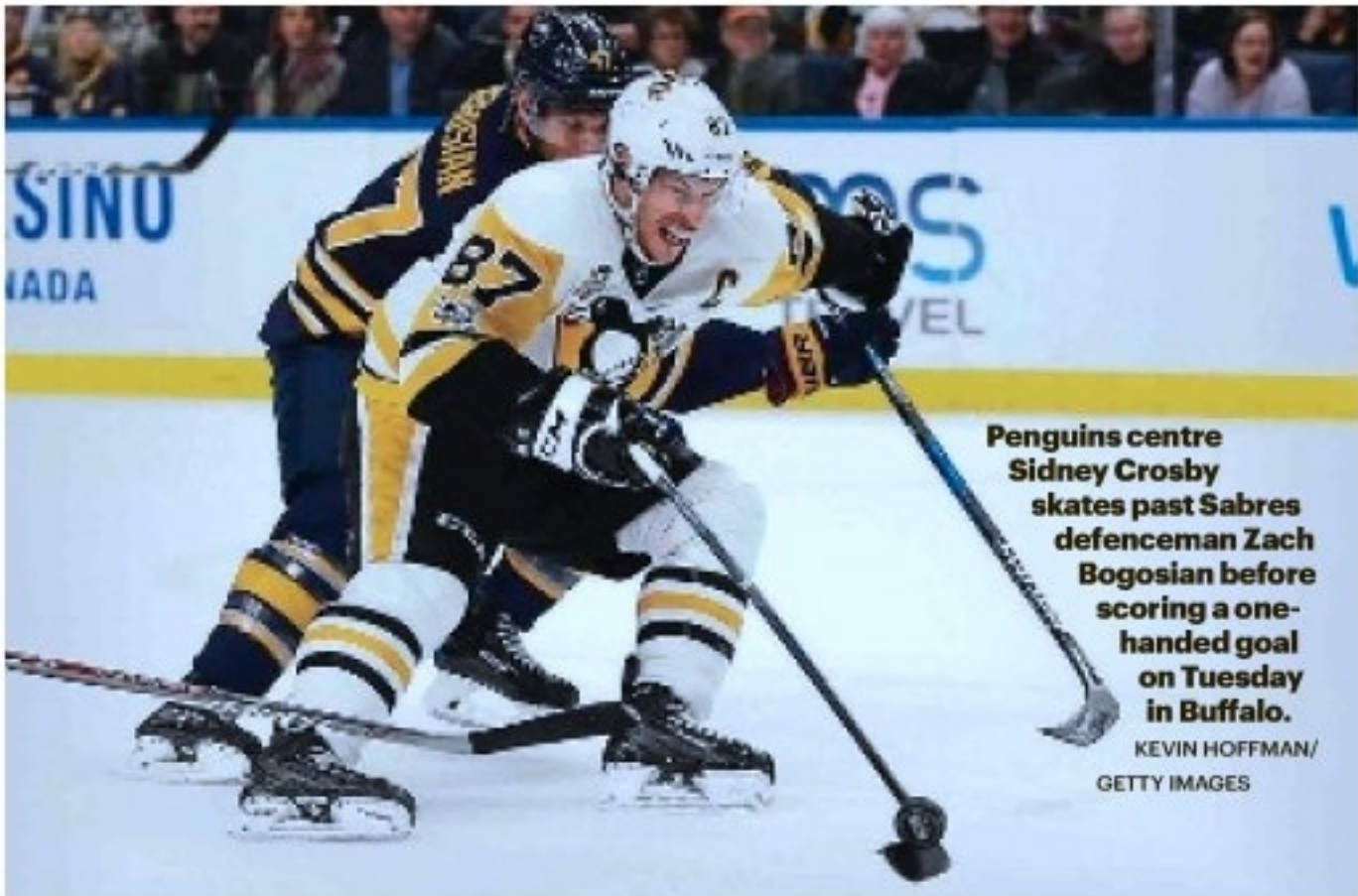
Crosby's teammates had plenty to say about it following the defending Stanley Cup champions' 3-1 win over the Buffalo Sabres on Tuesday night.

Starting from inside his blue line, Crosby picked up a head of steam through the neutral zone and weaved past all four Sabres defenders before lifting a one-handed backhand into the top-right corner to open the scoring with nine seconds left in the first period.

"The play that everyone screws around doing in practice, and he does it in games," Nick Bonino said.

"The sea parted for him there, only 15 second left, and he turned it on," Bonino added. "I mean, there's nothing I can really say that nobody has. He does some pretty amazing things."

Even Sabres goalie Robin Lehner was left impressed.



Penguins centre Sidney Crosby skates past Sabres defenceman Zach Bogosian before scoring a one-handed goal on Tuesday in Buffalo.  
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"I think most goalies in the league are going to read he's going to pull that back to his forehand," said Lehner, who stopped 31 shots. "Probably one or maybe two guys in the league who can score a goal like that."

Crosby was not in a position to speak after being high-sticked in the face by Evander Kane with 1:25 remaining while attempting to score into an empty net. Crosby went down in the corner clutching his face before eventually getting up and leaving the ice.

Coach Mike Sullivan would only say Crosby lost a couple of teeth. Kane was issued a double-minor for high-sticking.

Early in the first period, Crosby got away with a slash from behind in which he struck

Buffalo forward Ryan O'Reilly between the legs.

Bonino scored the go-ahead goal on a broken play with 5:29 remaining and Conor Sheary scored 1:58 later. Matt Murray stopped 29 shots and the Penguins (46-17-9) improved to 8-1-1 in their past 10.

Sam Reinhart scored for a Sabres team that's sputtering on offence. Coming off a 2-1 win at Detroit on Monday, Buffalo has just five goals in regulation in its past five games.

## CURLING Homan dialed in for two more wins

Canada is on the verge of clinching a playoff spot at the world women's curling championship after a pair of victories on Tuesday.

Ottawa's Rachel Homan defeated South Korea's Eun-Jung Kim 9-8 before dumping Scotland's Eve Muirhead 8-2 in evening play at the Capital Gymnasium. The Canadian team improved to 7-0 in round-robin play.

"We're happy with that performance," said second Joanne Courtney after beating Scotland. "I think we got a good handle on the ice early and it was nice to play a couple open ends to get to feel comfortable and when we had our opportunities, we were able to capitalize."

Homan threw at 96 per cent while Muirhead finished at just 71 per cent. Scotland conceded the game after seven ends.

"It's easy to maintain the focus because there are so many good teams here and you have to be on your 'A' game no matter who you're playing," Homan said.

Sweden's Anna Hasselborg was alone in second place at 6-1 after a 9-4 victory over defending champion Alina Paetz of Switzerland, who fell to 4-3.

“There’s lots of parts of the game that we’re looking at and trying to improve.”  
 Rachel Homan

### IN BRIEF

- Decorated Canadian swimmer Cochrane retires**

Two-time Olympic medallist Ryan Cochrane announced his retirement from swimming on Tuesday. Cochrane won Olympic silver in the 1,500 metres in 2012 in London and bronze in 2008 in Beijing. He finished sixth in the distance in Rio. The 28-year-old from Victoria also collected a total of eight world championship medals, the most by a Canadian.

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- Suspect in theft of Brady jersey bragged about swag**

The Mexican media executive suspected of stealing Tom Brady's jersey went to the Super Bowl as a working journalist but spent the week collecting selfies and autographs from football greats — and boasting that he was there purely as a fan. Martin Mauricio Ortega, former director of La Prensa, has been identified as the target of a warrant that resulted in the recovery of the Brady jersey on March 12.

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# Raps show fight in comeback victory

NBA

## Dinos beat Bulls for first time since 2013

The Toronto Raptors have finally beaten the Chicago Bulls.

DeMar DeRozan poured in 42 points as the Raptors rallied on a night marred by fisticuffs to beat Chicago 122-120 in overtime after a fierce fourth-quarter comeback on Tuesday.

It was Toronto's first victory over Chicago in a dozen games, a streak of futility that stretched back to Dec. 31 of 2013.

Cory Joseph added 19 points, while P.J. Tucker had eight points to go with 12 rebounds for the Raptors (42-29), who've

won three in a row.

Jimmy Butler led the Bulls (33-38) with 37 points, while Rajon Rondo added 24.

Serge Ibaka had 16 points before being ejected for exchanging punches with Chicago's Robin Lopez. Lopez, who was also ejected, swung first and Ibaka responded while players on both teams tried to separate them. Raptors assistant coach Jamaal Magloire and Nikola Mirotic received matching technicals in the brouhaha.

Ibaka and Lopez appeared to have words before Lopez swatted the ball away from the Raptors' big man, and the scuffle ensued. The penalty for a fighting technical is a fine up to \$50,000 and/or suspension.

The Raptors never led until

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overtime and trailed by as many as 16 points. The Bulls took a 94-79 lead into the fourth quarter.

Toronto finally pulled even during a thrilling stretch that started with some solid defence and a deft DeRozan steal off an unknowing Rondo, and included back-to-back three-pointers by Tucker.

The Raptors trailed by four points when DeRozan responded with a pair of baskets, and a Butler miss sent the game into overtime tied at 113-113.

A 16-foot turnaround jumper by DeRozan, who also had eight assists and seven boards, and a putback by Patrick Patterson put the Raptors up by four with 45 seconds left in OT. With the crowd on its feet, Joseph drilled a jumper that all-but clinched the victory with 18 seconds left.

With 11 games left in the regular season, the Raptors continue to fight for a favourable spot in the post-season.

They began the night in fourth in the Eastern Conference and just a game behind Washington.

The Raptors played their 14th game without all-star guard Kyle Lowry, who could return from wrist surgery to play a game or two before the post-season.

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Raptors forward Serge Ibaka takes a swing at Bulls centre Robin Lopez during a scuffle on Tuesday night. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

- 1/2 English cucumber, sliced
- 1 handful of cherry tomatoes
- 1/4 cup feta cheese, crumbled

**Directions**

1. Place the first six ingredients in a blender and whiz away. Have a taste and see if it needs a bit more buttermilk to thin it out or a splash more vinegar to brighten it up.
2. Cook the asparagus in simmering water for 3 to 5 minutes until just tender. Plunge them into ice water to stop them from over cooking. Then drain and chop into bite-sized pieces.
3. Wash and dry all of your other veggies. Tear and arrange your lettuce on a large platter or on each plate.
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5. Dress your salad and then top with feta.

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Cook time: 5 minutes  
Serves 2

**Ingredients**

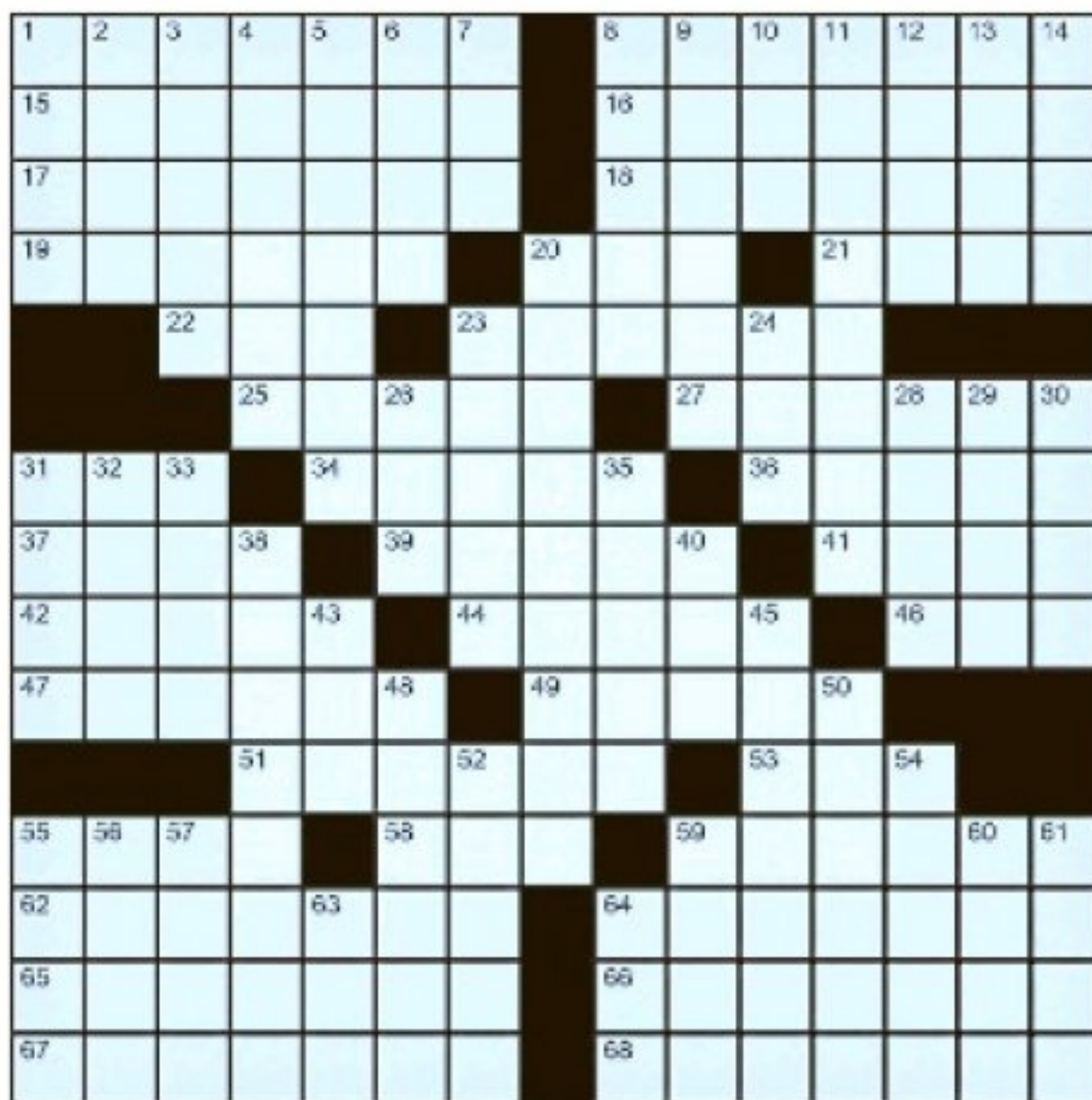
- 1/2 avocado
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 2 Tbsp chives, basil (you could use tarragon, dill, parsley, etc)
- 3 tsp white wine vinegar
- 1 tsp anchovy paste
- 1 cup scallions
- 6 or 7 stalks of asparagus, trimmed
- 2 or 3 handfuls of Boston or Bibb lettuce
- 1/2 avocado, cubed

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**ACROSS**

1. 'CANADA' as opposed to 'Canada': 2 wds.
8. Range out West
15. "Yeah, right."
16. Hospital attendant
17. Living-forever being
18. Contempt
19. "I Will Survive" by Gloria
20. Tarte, in Toronto
21. Trait carrier
22. Snugly-secluded spot
23. Cute little fish of freshwaters
25. Energize
27. Make a mistake: 2 wds.
31. Dry, like champagne
34. Pour \_\_\_ troubled waters
36. Vista
37. Hamlet genre, for short
39. Home furnishings, wallpaper, etc.
41. Prince Harry's sister-in-law
42. Heron variety
44. Beiges
46. Roman sun god
47. Inert
49. Be born as a baby bird
51. Lake \_\_\_ (1980 Winter Olympics site)
53. '\_\_\_' in Halifax
55. Competent
58. "The Man \_\_\_ Fell to Earth" (1976)
59. The \_\_\_ Union
62. It flows in the direction the wind is blowing: 2 wds.
64. Alleviate



65. Grunge rock city in Washington state
66. Vitamin C sources
67. Going-against person
68. Financial field fusions

**DOWN**

1. Prepare for the trip, pack \_\_\_
2. Priest of Tibet
3. Architect, Frank \_\_\_ Wright
4. Mr. Wilde of "The Walls of Jericho" (1948)
5. Melanie's lasered-off tattoo

6. Seckel is a sort
7. Canadian hockey great Mr. Apps
8. Sculptor of The Thinker
9. Get one's bearings
10. DVD-looking items

11. Appalachian Mountains village in New Brunswick
12. Latin hymn, with 'Dies'
13. Tiger Wood's ex-wife
14. Since, in ye olden days
20. The National Ballet

- of Canada's current production about a famous marionette ...more at #38-Down!
23. Skirmish
24. Alternatives
26. Singer's clip on MuchMusic, for short
28. \_\_\_ and carrots
29. Do \_\_\_ others...
30. Apple part
31. Proofer's term
32. Therefore
33. Victoria-born painter Emily
35. U.S.-Canadian airspace protection org.
38. Lumberjack in the show at #20-Down which offers a Canuck spin on the classic tale
40. Groove
43. Pop group, '\_\_\_ Tuesday
45. Rhodes student at Oxford
48. Dilly-dally
50. 1974: "(You're) \_\_\_ My Baby" by Paul Anka
52. Jolliness
54. Warfare take-over
55. In addition
56. Horn's honk!
57. Spring
59. Bone-dry
60. Of all time
61. "Guarding \_\_\_" (1994)
63. The current US President's oldest daughter ...her initials-sharers
64. Movie genre, \_\_\_-com

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
During conversations with bosses and VIPs today, don't volunteer for anything. Also, don't agree to anything important. (This is for your own protection.)

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Although you are interested in travel plans right now, do not make those plans today. Whatever you start today probably will have to be changed later.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
This is a good day for important discussions, especially about shared property, inheritances or decisions about how to divide something. Postpone these discussions until Friday. (You will be glad you did.)

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
When talking to close friends and partners today, keep things light. This is not a good day to make agreements. Things are just too fuzzy.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Just maintain your usual pace at work today and don't try anything new. Do not volunteer for anything or suggest improvements. Wait until Friday to do this.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
This is a wonderfully creative day for your sign, because your imagination is free-floating! If you work in the arts or in the entertainment world, you will have great ideas

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
This is the perfect day for hiding at home and relaxing. Do not shop for anything other than food or gas. Just take it easy.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
This is a great day to schmooze and talk to others, because you feel friendly and lighthearted. Enjoy these discussions, but avoid important decisions.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
This is a poor day for any kind of financial negotiation. Don't spend money professionally. And when it comes to personal spending, spend money on food or gas only.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Today the Moon is in your sign, but it's in a hazy placement. In fact, it's a goofy day that is great for creativity and socializing, but not serious business.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You will enjoy being by yourself today, especially if you can find solitude in beautiful surroundings. Basically, it's hard to get really serious about anything.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
This is a great day to talk to others, especially a female companion. Share your hopes and dreams for the future to see what others say.

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